

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A heat exchanger module suitable for use in a motor vehicle, ~~in particular with a heat exchanger module~~, comprising:

a plurality of tubes and corrugated fins ~~[[ribs]]~~ connected to one another to form in the manner of a heat exchanger block; net structure,

at least one header tank connected to ends of the tubes; and

[[with]] two side parts which frame the heat exchanger module on opposite sides of the block, wherein at least one predetermined breaking [[point]] region is provided on at least one side part, wherein the side parts comprise a base portion and marginal regions;

wherein the [[a]] marginal regions region of the side parts are part is bent through approximately 90° to form flanges along the longitudinal edges of the side part and at least one of the flanges along the longitudinal edge is interrupted in the region of the predetermined breaking point by cutouts by a cutout; wherein the cutout completely interrupts the flange along the longitudinal edge of the side part and penetrates partially into the base portion of the side part, and wherein the cutout cooperates with at least one aperture in the base portion of the side part to define between the cutout and the aperture a predetermined breaking point, and

wherein the predetermined breaking point is adapted to break when subjected to thermally-induced stress caused in the tubes during operation of the heat exchanger.

2. (Currently Amended) The heat exchanger module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the predetermined breaking point is arranged in the region where ~~[[of]]~~ the tubes are connected to the header tank tube forming or at an interface between the condenser part and the coolant cooling part of the heat exchanger module.

3. (Currently Amended) The heat exchanger module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the predetermined breaking point is formed by a web defined between the cutout and the at least one aperture ~~[[webs]]~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The heat exchanger module as claimed in claim 2 [[1]], wherein the at least one side part comprises two of said cutouts on generally opposing edges of the side part and each of said cutouts forms a predetermined breaking point with the at least one aperture is of V-shaped design.
5. (Currently Amended) The heat exchanger module as claimed in claim 4, comprising two apertures in the base portion of the side part, one aperture cooperating with each of said cutouts to define a web therebetween, wherein said two apertures comprise slots that are arranged in V-shaped configuration with the diverging ends of the slots cooperating with the cutouts and the converging ends of the slots form between them a further web, whereby there is formed a V-shaped predetermined breaking region wherein the webs are arranged at the three corners of the V-shaped predetermined breaking region [[point]].
6. (Currently Amended) The heat exchanger module as claimed in claim 5, wherein the webs have a width of 0.5 to 2 mm.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Currently Amended) The heat exchanger module as claimed in claim 3, wherein ~~webs are delimited laterally by the~~ cutouts [[, at least one of which is]] are of [[angular]] rectilinear shape design in the direction of the webs.
9. (Currently Amended) The heat exchanger module as claimed in claim 8, wherein the cutouts include at least one edge which includes an angle of 90° or less with respect to the longitudinal edge.
10. (Currently Amended) The heat exchanger module as claimed in claim 6, wherein the width of the webs is 1 to 1.5 mm.
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Cancelled)
13. (New) The heat exchanger module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cutouts form at least one rectilinear cutout in the base portion of the side parts.

14. (New) The heat exchanger module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cutouts form at least one sharp-edged corner region that defines the predetermined breaking point.
15. (New) The heat exchanger module as claimed in claim 3, wherein the webs are formed entirely in the base portion of the side part.
16. (New) The heat exchanger module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the heat exchanger comprises a first heat exchanger and a second heat exchanger that is different from the first heat exchanger and that is arranged next to the first heat exchanger and is connected to the first heat exchanger by the side parts.
17. (New) The heat exchanger module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the heat exchanger module comprises a first heat exchanger and a second heat exchanger arranged parallel to one another, wherein the predetermined breaking point is arranged at an interface between the first heat exchanger and the second heat exchanger.
18. (New) The heat exchanger module as claimed in claim 17, wherein the first heat exchanger is a radiator and the second heat exchanger is a condenser.
19. (New) The heat exchanger module as claimed in claim 17, wherein the first heat exchanger and second heat exchanger are connected to one another as a unit via the fins and the side parts.